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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company - Request for "Like Facility" Determinations
Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-33-110(1) (Williams-Faber Place)
Docket No. 2013-452-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

This is to acknowledge that the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff has completed its review of the above referenced filing and has no objection to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's ("SCE&G" or "Company") request to replace its existing Williams-Faber Place 230 kilovolt ("kV") transmission line with "like facilities." SCE&G specifically requests a determination by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina that the replacement and relocation of these facilities constitutes "the replacement of an existing facility with a like facility" and therefore does not constitute "construction of a major utility facility" for which a certificate would be required under the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act.

In order to allow for the construction of MeadWestvaco's new industrial warehouse facility, the Company intends to consolidate an approximately 0.5-mile section of the Williams-Faber Place 230 kV Line and the Williams-Goose Creek 115 kV Line located in MeadWestvaco's North Pointe Business Campus. This will allow the Company to reduce the right-of-way by 15 feet on the North Pointe Business Campus. MeadWestvaco will make payment to SCE&G for half the costs of the line replacement, with the balance of the remaining costs being offset by conveyances from MeadWestvaco to SCE&G of real property, which SCE&G presently plans to use for substation sites.

The existing Williams-Faber Place 230kV Line is located on a wooden H-frame structure and the existing Williams-Goose Creek 115 kV Line is located on a single pole, single circuit structure.

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The proposed consolidated lines will be located on a single pole, double circuit structure and the lines will operate at the same voltage levels as the original lines. The Company asserts these activities will not result in any significant increase in environmental impact of the facilities or substantially change the location of the facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments in this matter.

Sincerely,



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